

Claims

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("____") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("~~_____~~") or brackets ("[]"), as is applicable:

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

receiving with a server a request ~~from a remote computer~~ for a document;

identifying on the server a source of the request;

determining on the server an authorization level associated with the source of the request;

determining on the server an authorization level required to view the requested document;

if the source of the request is authorized to view the entire requested document, transmitting the requested document ~~to the source of the request~~ from the server to the remote computer via a network; and

if the source of the request is not authorized to view the entire requested document, redacting unauthorized portions of the requested document by visually blurring the unauthorized portions on the server and transmitting the redacted version of the requested document ~~to the source of the request~~ from the server to the remote computer via the network.

2. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein determining an authorization level required to view the requested document includes determining a plurality of required authorization levels, wherein each required authorization level is associated with a different portion of the requested document.

3-4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the requested document includes an image, and wherein the image has an associated required authorization level.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein identifying a source of the request includes identifying a user ID associated with the source of the request.

8. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein determining an authorization level required to view the requested document includes determining an authorization level required to view the complete requested document.

9. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein determining an authorization level required to view the requested document includes determining an authorization level required to view at least a portion of the requested document.

10. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

receiving with a client computer a document transmitted over a network by a server;

determining on the client computer without assistance from the server an authorization level required to view the complete received document;

determining on the client computer without assistance from the server an authorization level associated with a current user;

if the current user is authorized to view the complete received document, displaying the received document to the user on the computer; and

if the current user is not authorized to view the complete received document, redacting unauthorized portions of the received document by visually blurring the unauthorized portions and displaying the redacted version of the document to the user on the computer.

11. (Original) A method as recited in claim 10 wherein determining an authorization level required to view the received document includes determining a plurality of authorization levels, wherein each of the plurality of authorization levels is associated with a different portion of the received document.

12-13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) A method as recited in claim 10 wherein the received document contains an image, and wherein the image has an associated authorization level required to view the image.

15. (Original) A method as recited in claim 14 further comprising displaying the image if the current user is authorized to view the image.

16. (Original) A method as recited in claim 14 further comprising redacting the image if the current user is not authorized to view the image.

17. (Currently amended) A computer-readable media having stored thereon a plurality of instructions that, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform acts comprising:

identifying with a server a source of a request for a document received from a remote computer;

determining on the server an authorization level associated with the source of the request;

determining on the server an authorization level required to view the entire requested document;

if the source of the request is authorized to view the entire requested document, transmitting the requested document ~~to the source of the request~~ from the server to the remote computer via a network; and

if the source of the request is not authorized to view the entire requested document, redacting unauthorized portions of the requested document by visually blurring the unauthorized portions on the server and transmitting the redacted version of the requested document ~~to the source of the request~~ from the server to the remote computer via the network.

18. (Original) A computer-readable media as recited in claim 17 wherein determining an authorization level required to view the requested document includes determining a plurality of required authorization levels, wherein each required authorization level is associated with a different portion of the requested document.

19-20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) A computer-readable media as recited in claim 17 wherein identifying a source of the request includes identifying a user ID associated with the source of the request.

22. (Original) A computer-readable media as recited in claim 17 wherein determining an authorization level required to view the requested document includes determining an authorization level required to view the complete requested document.

23. (Original) A computer-readable media as recited in claim 17 wherein determining an authorization level required to view the requested document includes determining an authorization level required to view at least a portion of the requested document.

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein determining an authorization level associated with the source comprises determining whether a viewing fee has been paid.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein determining an authorization level associated with a current user comprises determining whether a viewing fee has been paid by the user.

26. (Previously presented) The system of claim 17, wherein determining an authorization level required to view the entire requested document comprises determining whether an viewing fee has been paid.